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# Reds Again Harass Berlin Traffic; Jets 'Twice Buzz Tempelhof Field

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BERLIN, April 6—The Communist East Germans and Soviets continued their harassment of West Berlin today. They blocked the 110-mile autobahn leading to West Germany, halted barge traffic, and Soviet jets twice buzzed busy Tempelhof Airfield in the heart of the city.

Meanwhile the Allied Commandants protested to their Russian counterpart against the "attempt to interfere with Allied communications with Berlin." They denounced the Communist moves as "gross violations" of Western access rights.

## Reaction Weighed

The Communist harassment stems from Wednesday's meeting of the West German Bundestag in Berlin, the first such meeting since 1958. The Communists claim West Berlin is not a part of West Germany.

(In Washington, a State De-

partment spokesman said the Western Allies are considering "appropriate measures to be taken" if the harassment does not end.)

All autobahn traffic was stopped at 9:30 a.m. East German guards stopped civilian traffic. Soviet officers notified Allied representatives the road was closed because of joint East German and Soviet maneuvers. The blocking lasted 4½ hours, slightly longer than yesterday.

Again, Allied air corridors were filled with Soviet and East German fighters. But today Allied planes, civilian and military, defied Soviet warnings and made all flights at those altitudes under 6500 feet which the Soviets had said were needed for their fighter maneuvers. Allied pilots said most Communist fighters stayed well away from them.

The buzzings of Tempelhof by Soviet jets, which flew down to 500 feet over the busy field, were considered Communist warnings for the Allies to stay out of the lower altitudes.

Meanwhile the Senat (city government) denounced Soviet planes breaking the sound barrier over the city. Police reported 48 cases of property damage and numerous heart attacks because of the noise.

## Erhard in Group

Barge traffic remained closed except on one canal and that was closed for nine hours. Produce men reported little fresh fruit or vegetables could get in. Supplies of other foodstuffs, however, were described as adequate.

The Allied Commandants met this morning with Mayor Willy Brandt, apparently to reassure him of their support.

Meanwhile West Germans gathered here for Wednesday's meeting of the Bundestag. Among them was Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, who said after arriving in a U.S. military plane that his government will not bow to "terrori-

zation." His plane was not harassed en route.

Despite all the excitement about the meeting little will be accomplished at it. It has been learned that, while the Allies gave the green light for the gathering in Berlin, they did so on condition the legislators would make no declaration about German unity.

One West Berlin paper said editorially it might have been better not to hold the Bundestag meeting here at this stage in international affairs. But the majority of Berlin's papers demanded greater action from the Allies.

[In Moscow, the government newspaper Izvestia said the Western powers may face "unpleasant complications" because of the Bundestag meeting in Berlin. But the paper gave no clue as to what the "complication" might be, Reuters reported.]

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